

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the final Office Action issued October 20, 2005. The Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 17, 18, and 29-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 in view of U.S. Patent No. 124,108 to Anderson (Anderson). The Examiner rejected claims 9-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Anderson. The Examiner indicated that claims 20-28 were allowed. The Examiner indicated that claims 8, 19, and 36 were allowable.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 17, 18, and 29-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 in view of Anderson.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of claim 8, which the Examiner has indicated is allowable, and the intermediate claims. Thus, the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 to the claims are believed to be overcome.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

On pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 9-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Anderson.

Claims 9-16 each ultimately depend from claim 1, the allowability of which has been established above. Thus, the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 to the claims are believed to be overcome.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 8, 19, and 36 were allowable, and that claims 20-28 were allowed. The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Additional Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Swidler Berlin LLP Deposit Account No. 19-5127 (order no. 20002.0351).

Conclusion

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, and 33 have been amended, and claims 2, 5, 8, and 36 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9-35 are pending in the application, and are believed to be in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections of the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all claims. Should the Examiner feel further communication would help prosecution, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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